



Proclamation

- In Memoriam -

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WHATUMOANA PAKI, SENIOR

WHEREAS, His Royal Highness Whatumoana Paki, Senior, husband of the late Queen, Her Royal Highness Te Arikinui, Dame Te Atairangikaahu and father of His Royal Highness, King Tuheitia Paki, hailed from the Waikato-Tainui Tribe—in particular Ngaati Whawhakia—and was raised in the Huntly region, but had close ties to the Te Aupouri, in the north of the North Island; and

WHEREAS, His Royal Highness Whatumoana Paki, Senior dedicated his life to supporting Dame Te Atairangikaahu, who for 40 years served as the royal monarch, Kingitanga, and true leader for the beloved Maori people of Aotearoa, New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, His Royal Highness Whatumoana Paki, Senior was a farmer, carpenter and mechanic known as a hard-worker and took an active role in the completion of a number of extensive building projects, in and around Tainui Marae and communities, including building houses in Kawhia; and

WHEREAS, His Royal Highness Whatumoana Paki, Senior committed himself mentally, physically and spiritually to build a wharehenui at Waipapa, known as Taku Hia Hia, to bring together the tribes and marae together; and

WHEREAS, His Royal Highness Whatumoana Paki, Senior was well respected and well-loved among the people of Aotearoa, New Zealand and will continue to be a "totara" that cannot be replaced; and

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to His Royal Highness Whatumoana Paki, Senior's seven children:

- Tuheitia Paki
- Heeni Katipa (née Paki)
- Tomairangi Paki
- Kiki Soloman (née Paki)
- Mihi Gabrielle Paki
- Maharaia Paki
- Te Manawanui Clarkson (née Paki)

his mokopuna, and the rest of his family and friends.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of September, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i